

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph.

--This application is a continuation-in-part application of prior application to Nayfeh et al., Serial No. 09/426,204, now United States Patent No. 6,597,496, issued July 22, 2003, entitled SILICON NANOPARTICLE STIMULATED EMISSION DEVICES, filed on October 25, 1999.--